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Today

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SameSex Marriage

With pride weeks now underway across the country, Metro Canada is taking a look at the state of same-sex marriages across North America.

Today

- We introduce you to some couples hoping to get married in the U.S., pg 10



Tomorrow

- An update on the status of same-sex marriages in other countries



Metro Canada is keeping you up to date with everything you need to know about the evolving crisis in Iran.

On metronews.ca

- Look back on how events have unfolded with stories, photos and video in our ongoing Unrest in Iran section



Celebration St. Jean Baptiste Day



MATHIEU BELANGER/REUTERS

Prime Minister Stephen Harper points to the Montreal Canadiens logo on a child's shirt during a gathering for the St. Jean Baptiste in Quebec City yesterday. The federal government ceded the lands adjacent to Quebec's National Assembly to the province yesterday.

Vows to press on

Iran's opposition will challenge polls, keep fighting



Iran's reformist opposition leaders vowed to press on with legal challenges to an election they say was rigged, even as the hardline leadership appeared Thursday to have largely crushed mass street protests.

The unrest has exposed unprecedented rifts within Iran's clerical establishment, with Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, who normally stays above the political fray, siding strongly with anti-Western President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad.

Khamenei has declared the result of the June 12 presidential election that returned Ahmadinejad would stand and said opposi-

tion leaders would be held responsible for any bloodshed.

Some 20 protesters have been killed in the demonstrations, but police and militia have largely succeeded in taking back control of the streets after the most widespread anti-government protests since the 1979 Islamic revolution.

Riot police dispersed a group of 200 demonstrators with teargas yesterday, but the protest was a far cry from the marches last week that attracted tens of thousands. But opposition leaders, though

they appeared to have lost the weapon of public protest, were still unbowed.

Reformist cleric Mehdi Karoubi, who came last in the election, called the new government "illegitimate" and the wife of Mirhossein Mousavi, who says he won the poll, said it was a "duty to continue legal protests to preserve Iranian rights."

Mousavi is backed by influential former President Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani, a pragmatist who favours a less confrontational foreign policy who heads a council of clerics which in theory at least has the power to depose Khamenei.

REUTERS

Former Gov. Gen. Roméo LeBlanc dead at 81

ILLNESS Roméo LeBlanc, Canada's first Acadian governor general, is being remembered as a true servant of the people: A teacher, journalist and politician who never lost sight of his humble beginnings, even as he assumed the highest

ceremonial office in the land.

LeBlanc, 81, died yesterday at his New Brunswick home after a long struggle with Alzheimer's disease. A state funeral is expected to be held next week in the small village where LeBlanc grew up.

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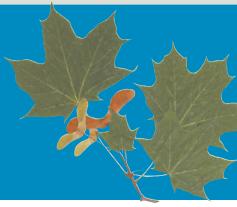


Love your home

Microchip clinic on Sunday for pets

It's summertime, and more and more pets are outside in the warm weather. The Ottawa Humane Society is holding a microchip clinic this Sunday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at its Champagne Avenue location to give all lost animals a chance of returning home. **METRO OTTAWA**

Local



Greening Ottawa

The City of Ottawa has planted 20 trees at Ecole elementaire Bernard-Grandmaire in Riverside South recently. Trees planted included Honey Locust, Little Leaf Linden, Red Maple and Sugar Maple. This tree-planting initiative is part of the city's objective to plant 100,000 trees across the city. Ottawa residents can acquire a tree from the city by visiting ottawa.ca.

METRO OTTAWA

Owning home seen as being worth it: Study

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SURVEY Despite hard economic times, the capital's housing market remains strong, especially among first-time homebuyers, a nationwide study released yesterday said.

Although new-home construction is going down, 83 per cent of Ottawans feel that owning a home goes beyond its financial value, Genworth Financial Canada's First-Time Homebuyer's Monitor stated.

At 81 per cent, almost as many agreed that owning a home provided a greater sense of emotional well-being and security, while 89 per cent of Ottawans say they would feel more financially secure owning their own home rather than renting.

The national survey of 2,521 Canadians was conducted between April 24 and May 4.

Centenarian chooses 'to live my life'

Honoured Senior of the Year 'almost completely independent' says son



Mary Kathleen Dafoe, who recently celebrated her 100th birthday, celebrated yesterday with Ottawa West Nepean MPP Jim Watson.

MJ DESCHAMPS
for Metro Ottawa

Mary Kathleen Dafoe leads a quiet, healthy life.

She swims three times a week at Pinecrest Pool, goes for her yearly checkups at the doctors, and takes no prescription medications.

She also just celebrated her 100th birthday.

Dafoe was named Senior of the Year yesterday afternoon at MPP Ottawa West-Nepean Jim Watson's An-

nual Senior's Tea.

Watson said that Dafoe's commitment to a healthy and active lifestyle and her ability to live independently at a retirement home in the community earned her the title.

"I'm amazed that they think I'm worth honouring," Dafoe laughed.

Dafoe has always been a strong believer in healthy living. She played badminton and tennis, and skied while growing up, and even went rafting down the Colorado River

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at the ripe old age of 87.

"I guess I took turning a hundred for granted," she said.

At 100 years old, she walks on her own, and doesn't have any sort of wheelchair, walker, or even a cane.

"So many families have to dedicate so much time to looking after their elderly parents, but [mom] lives on her own," said Dafoe's son, Joseph.

"Every once and a while she needs help changing a lightbulb or lifting a bunch of heavy groceries or something, but overall she's almost completely independent."

Dafoe said she is overwhelmed by the honour, but said she does not think of her lifestyle at her age as something extraordinary.

"What's the point of living to a hundred if you just sit in your chair and bind up? I prefer to live my life."

Ditch the manners: It's BBQ cook-off time

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STEVE COLLINS
for Metro Ottawa

The aroma of wood smoke and succulent meat wafted up Sparks Street yesterday, wrinkling the noses of the vegetarians, watering the mouths of the carnivores and signalling the opening of the 18th annual International Chicken-Rib Cook-off.

Eleven BBQ outfits from Canada and the U.S. have come to share their pork (and chicken) prowess with the public this year. Today, a panel of the judges will perform their solemn duties and taste test entries for best rib choice, best rib sauce, best chicken choice and best chicken sauce. Winners will be announced Sunday at 3 p.m.

"Everybody has the same meat, so it's all in the sauce, how they prepare it, cook it, even the wood they use," says the Sparks Street Mall's Sharon McKenna.

The contestants' signature sauce, while absolutely essential to the experience, can make for messy dining,



Chris Pouliasis of London, Ont.-based Crabby's BBQ Shack braves the heat of summer and a cherry-wood fire yesterday to bring ribs to the ravenous on Sparks Street.

especially if one can't find a perch on one of the benches or picnic tables on which to consume it.

Enter the Sticky Fingers Brigade, which provides much-needed wet naps, in return for a donation to the

Children's Wish Foundation. This year, they'll attempt to beat their fundraising record for the cook-off, \$14,000.

"That's almost two wishes," said McKenna.

Many Sparks Street

restaurants are inviting guests to bring their ribs to their patios, order a drink, and enjoy the slow and low-cooked feast in style.

The Chicken-Rib Cook-off continues until Sunday at 6 p.m.

Police seek suspect in vehicle arsons

FIRE Police are seeking a male seen running from a vehicle fire on Tweedsmuir Avenue and Byron Street Tuesday morning.

Ottawa police and firefighters continue to investigate a series of vandalism fires after about 10 separate incidents were reported between 2:15 a.m. and 4:30 a.m. around Holland and Churchill streets.

Police said the majority of damage occurred to seven vehicles on the lot of a local car dealership. Four other vehicles including a backhoe were also fire-damaged in the area, and garbage cans and boxes were set on fire, police said.

The value of the damage to the construction equipment was near \$80,000. The damage to cars is valued between \$50,000 and \$60,000, firefighters said.

Police are seeking a male of unknown skin colour. He is six-feet tall with a slender build wearing a white T-shirt. Call the arson unit at 613-236-1222 ext. 2199 or Crime Stoppers at 613-233-8477 (TIPS) with info.

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What's online today.

Video Toronto Fire Services provides further details on the falling death of an elevator repairman, at metronews.ca/canada

Video Rodney MacDonald gives some parting words as he steps down as N.S. Tory leader, at metronews.ca/canada



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Jazz legend back in town

Douglas returns for festival

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He began his touring career in Ottawa in the early 1990s, but that's not what brings jazz legend Dave Douglas back to the TD Canada Trust Ottawa International Jazz Festival.

"I have such great memories," said Douglas. "Every time I've played here, I've gotten such a warm response."

Douglas, who performs at the Ottawa International Jazz Festival as a part of a quintet called Brass Ecstasy on opening day today, aims to be accessible, he said.

"Music should be somewhat challenging, but the listener shouldn't have to be a specialist" to enjoy it, he said.

As for the festival — which runs from June 25 to July 5 and features over

800 musicians in more than 160 concerts over 11 days — it really will have something for everyone, he said.

Each night, there will be three concerts on the main stage at Confederation Park, while the Great Canadian Jazz series features the nation's most prolific jazz musicians.

For those who just want a taste of jazz, new this year is the OLG Stage at Confederation Park, which will be the scene of free lunch-hour jazz featuring the likes of Art Nuvo Quartet, Peter Brown Quartet, Jean-Pierre Allain Trio, Grey Jazz Big Band, Mermaid Beach and Lucas Haneman Quartet over six days.



Dave Douglas

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Woman who gave birth in Wal-Mart found not guilty

A woman who gave birth in a Wal-Mart washroom in Prince Albert, Sask., and left the baby behind has been found not guilty of child abandonment, CBC News Online reports. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Canada



Soprano undergoes heart surgery

International opera star Measha Brueggergosman underwent emergency surgery in Toronto last week, her family told CBC News Online. The Fredericton-born soprano suffered a life-threatening tear in her aorta. Brueggergosman was taken to a hospital emergency room from her home last Tuesday when she wasn't feeling well. She recently achieved a dramatic weight loss of about 150 pounds, which she said was a result of Bikram yoga.

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News in brief

ECONOMY Finance Minister Jim Flaherty said Wednesday he was seeing more positive signs than negative ones in the country's economy. "Certainly there are positive indications of stabilization in the economy. What we want to look for now are signs of the beginning of economic growth. We're starting to see some positive indications of consumer confidence, some increased activity in residential real estate," Flaherty said in a conference call from Washington.

ENVIRONMENT An environmental group yesterday asked U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton to deny permits for pipelines that would bring oil from Canada's tar sands to the United States. Environmental group ForestEthics said production from Canadian tar sands generates up to five times more greenhouse gas emissions than conventional oil. **REUTERS**

B.C. Moments of silence



Students at Simon Fraser University in Burnaby, B.C., near Vancouver, hold an eight-minute silent vigil yesterday for students killed during protests in Iran.

Manitoba pandemic

First Nations declare state of emergency in flu's wake

Flu-stricken Manitoba First Nations communities have declared a state of emergency in the wake of the federal government's response to the swine flu pandemic.

Chief David Harper said he hopes the move will make Ottawa understand the gravity of the situation, given how many aboriginal people in the province have influenza A (H1N1), also known as swine flu.

"We have declared a state of emergency based on the fact ... that preparations for combatting the H1N1 virus are very slow and we are still getting results of positive cases," said the chief for the Garden Hill First Nations,

Population

- While aborigines make up a little more than 10 per cent of Manitoba's population, they account for roughly two-thirds of the people who have required intensive care for swine flu, according to provincial health officials.

about 550 kilometres northeast of Winnipeg, near the Ontario border.

Harper said even the most basic precaution against spreading germs, such as regularly washing hands, is impossible in some reserves where the majority of residents don't have running water.

"We are calling on the

federal health minister (Leona Aglukkaq) and every minister responsible for this crisis to come forward and state who is taking the lead role here and explain what is happening," he said.

It was revealed this week Health Canada had delayed sending alcohol-based liquid hand-sanitizers to some First Nations communities for fear some residents might drink it.

Harper said the fact these communities couldn't even get hand sanitizers — with or without alcohol — is making native leaders question whether the federal government even has a pandemic plan for First Nations reserves.

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A complaint has been filed against the RCMP after an 11-year-old girl in Fort Resolution, N.W.T., was handcuffed and put in a jail cell, CBC News Online reports. Kerry Geroux said her daughter was visiting relatives when RCMP and social services workers arrived after a report drinking was going on while children were in the house. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Abdelrazik headed home

Abousfian Abdelrazik plans to fly home to his family this weekend after being stranded at the Canadian Embassy in Sudan for more than a year.

"He is happy. He feels very close," his Ottawa-based lawyer Yavar Hameed said before setting off for Khartoum yesterday to accompany his client on a flight that will arrive in Toronto on Saturday.

But Hameed said Abdelrazik is still nervous that something could go wrong after hitting so many earlier bumps in the road on the way to the end of a six-year ordeal that included imprisonment in Sudan with allegations of torture. "He has been here be-

fore. There is a certain paradox in it. The closer he is to coming home the closer he is also to being let down — that the rug may be pulled out from beneath his feet," Hameed said at the Ottawa airport yesterday. **Abousfian Abdelrazik**

Hameed said he too was worried yesterday morning when Abdelrazik told him he had been questioned by an American official at the Canadian Embassy in Khartoum where Abdelrazik, his client, has been sleeping in the temporary safe

haven of the weight room since he went public with his story in April 2008.

"I don't know the details. It seemed to be something about his condition in the embassy," Hameed said yesterday.

Foreign Affairs spokesperson Emma Welford said the ex-

change was informal.

Abdelrazik was born in Sudan and arrived in Canada as a refugee in 1990, becoming a Canadian citizen in 1995. He alleges Sudanese officials tortured him after he was arrested in 2003 when he returned to visit his mother.

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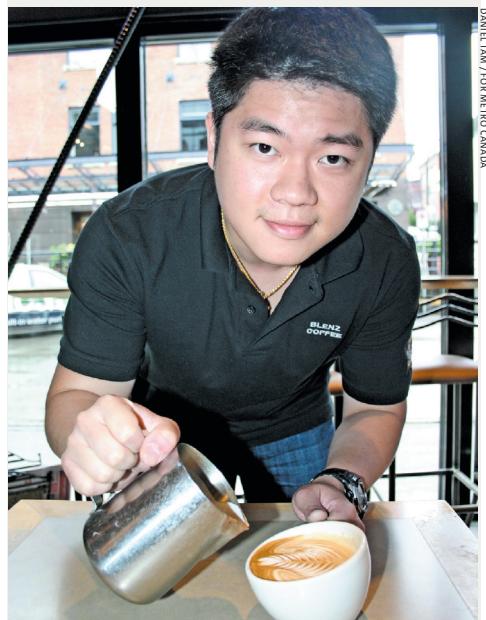
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Vancouver The perfect pour



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Vancouver barista Philip Wang creates a latte art design at Blenz Coffee. Wang finished third in the Millrock Latte Art Competition, the premier North American coffee and tea tradeshow. The contest took place on June 15 in Las Vegas and pitted baristas across the continent against one another.

Dziekanski's mother to ask Poland to charge officers

KARL YU
for Metro Canada

Not satisfied with the reach of the Braidwood Inquiry, the mother of Robert Dziekanski has decided to take her fight to Poland.

Zofia Ciskowski has told reporters that she is asking Polish authorities to charge the four RCMP officers involved with the

Tasering of her son in October 2007.

Ciskowski is being aided by Warsaw-based lawyer Piotr Banasik, who has been observing the Braidwood proceedings.

Even if the accused officers are charged there could still be a lot of red tape as Canada and Poland do not have an extradition treaty and it is unlikely that the Canadian government would co-operate.

Armoured vehicle ban won't have big effect on gangs, says expert

VICTORIA HANDYSIDES
Metro Canada

Alberta's top cops revealed a criminal roadblock in the battle against gang warfare yesterday, intended to park armoured vehicles targeted by flying bullets.

The legislation will force armoured vehicles to pass an inspection.

While the initiative is proactive, Canadian gang expert Michael Chettleburgh predicts the blow will be anything but major.

"It's not going to change the gang dynamic in Alberta remarkably in any way," he said. "If you believe that your life is at risk, which is the ultimate price to pay

"They're like a needle in a haystack. It's not like all the gang-bangers are driving these cars."

Michael Chettleburgh

for your gang involvement, I think you're still going to continue to get your car armoured-plated."

Cars with professional after-market security enhancements can slip by a discriminating eye, he said, predicting the law will likely net less than 10 vehicles. "They're a needle in a haystack," he said. "It's not like all the gang-bangers are driving these cars."

Canada must cut emissions: France

CLIMATE The United States and Canada must do more than currently proposed to tackle greenhouse gases, France says in a position paper ahead of global climate talks in Copenhagen this December.

The government document, titled Possible outline of a fair and ambitious agreement in Copenhagen, is the strongest message yet to the United States and Canada from within the EU.

Paris also made the first concrete suggestions on how ministers in Copen-

hagen might tackle soaring emissions from aviation, but stopped short of suggesting emission curbs for shipping.

Airlines should cut emissions to five per cent below 2005 levels by 2020, said the document.

It warned that Canada and the United States were not on course to cut emissions by the level needed, making it difficult for rich nations to meet the 25-40 per cent collective reduction in greenhouse gases recommended by a UN climate panel.

REUTERS

News in brief

LCBO Ontario's government-run liquor stores and unionized employees have reached a tentative deal after pushing past a midnight strike deadline, CBC News Online reports. The key issue for the union was rights of casual workers, who they say don't receive vacation, sick time or benefits, and can be called in to work as little as

two hours at a time.

PEI The former finance manager of Harness Racing PEI was sentenced yesterday in Charlottetown for stealing more than \$102,000 from the organization, CBC News Online reports. Wade Crozier was given 12 months of house arrest followed by 12 months on probation. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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A Scarborough man who tried to drive \$6.5-million worth of the drug ecstasy into the United States has been jailed in Detroit for seven and a half years. Joseph Bennett was called a minor figure in a smuggling operation. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Report paints new picture of life for Roma

"The report ... says there is no evidence of state-sanctioned persecution of Roma."

Jason Kenney

Just how bad is the life Roma asylum seekers fleeing to Canada are leaving behind in the Czech Republic?

In the Czech Republic, police practices are improving, government policies are friendlier and the

justice system is on their side, says a new report by the Immigration Refugee Board.

Life may not be perfect for the much-abused minority population, once known as Gypsies, but the Czech government is legiti-

mately trying to improve their lot, the report finds.

"My understanding is the report essentially says there is no evidence of state-sanctioned persecution of Roma," said Immigration Minister Jason Kenney.

The growing number of Roma asylum bids has become one of the top issues for Kenney.

Authorities in Canada and the Czech Republic have expressed alarm at the flood of Roma arriving in Canada with stories of

persecution since Ottawa lifted its visa restrictions on the country in 2007.

But some suspect the findings of this study could be the first step in a bid by the federal government to slow the influx.

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Ontario's adoption records are now open.

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Effective June 1, 2009, Ontario's adoption records are open. This means that adopted adults and birth parents can apply for post-adoption birth information from birth records and adoption orders.

An adopted adult, 18 years of age or older, can now apply for a copy of his or her original birth registration and adoption order. A birth parent can receive information from the birth registration and adoption order of the child that was placed for adoption once that child turns 19 years old.

If you want your identifying information kept private, and if the adoption order was made before September 1, 2008, adopted adults and birth parents can file a disclosure veto.

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Scrolls get the royal touch

HISTORY When the Dead Sea Scrolls travel, they're treated like royalty.

They get first-class seats, restrictions on how many can be on the same plane and no touching.

And fittingly so. "These are the oldest key texts underlying the great traditions of Judaism, Christianity and Islam," Royal Ontario Museum chief executive William Thorsell said yesterday at a preview of an exhibit of the scrolls at the museum.

The show opens Saturday, featuring eight fragments of the 2,000-year-old scrolls.

Included are the oldest known copies of the Hebrew Bible, or Old Testament, a founding sacred text of the world's three major religions.

Hidden in caves along the Dead Sea just as biblical Israel was crushed by the Romans, only to resurface 60 years ago as modern Israel was established, the scrolls are revered in the Jewish state as proof of a historic claim to the land.

As such, getting them out of Israel is a massive undertaking.

"They're Israel's greatest treasures," says Julian Siggers, vice-president of programs at the ROM.

Only first-class seats are big enough to accommodate the scrolls' steel travel cases, Siggers says.

And only direct flights are allowed, to lessen the chances of a mishap.

Even the arrival date is kept secret to all but a few ears.

A TV crew that wanted to film their arrival at the museum was told to remain on standby for days on end.

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Radiation not needed in common childhood cancer: Doctors

Children can be treated for a common form of childhood leukemia without bombarding the brain with radiation, reducing the risk that they will suffer additional tumours and thinking problems, U.S. researchers said yesterday. **REUTERS**

World



Monkey urinates on Zambian president

A monkey urinated on Zambian President Rupiah Banda as he spoke to journalists at a news conference yesterday. Banda softly shouted: "You have urinated on my jacket," and paused as he looked up to see the animal playing in a tree just above his chair. "Perhaps these are blessings," he said continuing his address amid laughter from the audience of journalists and diplomats.

REUTERS

Governor admits affair

Confession comes after Sanford's disappearance last week

South Carolina Governor Mark Sanford tearfully admitted yesterday he had been unfaithful to his wife, likely ending any chance he might be a Republican contender for the U.S. presidency in 2012.

Sanford resigned as chairman of the Republican Governors' Association and was replaced by Mississippi Governor Haley Barbour, another possible 2012 candidate.

Sanford's confession at a tumultuous news confer-

ence ended days of speculation over his whereabouts. After he disappeared last week, his staff first said he was hiking on the Appalachian Trail. It later emerged he had travelled to Argentina to be with his lover, leaving his family over Father's Day weekend.

Asked if he was alone during the Argentinian trip, he replied: "Obviously not." Shedding tears, Sanford apologized to his wife, Jenny, his family, friends and

"I hurt my wife. I hurt my boys ... I hurt a lot of different folks."

South Carolina Governor Mark Sanford

staff when he made the shock announcement after returning yesterday from Buenos Aires.

Admitting his affair, San-

ford said he had "developed a relationship" with a "dear friend" from Argentina. "It began very innocently, as I suspect many of these things do, in just a casual email back and forth," he said. "But here recently over this last year it developed into something much more than that. And as a consequence, I hurt her. I hurt you all. I hurt my wife. I hurt my boys. I hurt friends ... I hurt a lot of different folks."

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World's richest lost a fifth of their wealth in '08: Study

ECONOMY The world's rich lost a fifth of their wealth in 2008 and the number of people with fortunes of more than \$1 million US fell 15 per cent as the financial crisis wiped out two years of growth, a study showed yesterday.

The total value of the world's wealthy — people categorized with net assets of more than \$1 million US, excluding their main home and everyday possessions — dropped below 2005 levels to \$32.8 trillion, the 13th annual Merrill Lynch/Capgemini World Wealth Report found.

Nearly 35 per cent of that wealth belongs to so-called ultra rich people with fortunes of more than \$30 million, who account for 0.9 per cent of the rich population. In 2008 the number of

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Total value of world's wealthiest people in 2008, a drop below the 2005 level.

ultra-rich people and their value dropped by nearly a quarter.

The U.S., Japan and Germany are home to 54 per cent of the world's rich and this year China surpassed Britain as having the fourth largest rich population.

Rounding out the top 10 are France, Canada, Switzerland, Italy and Brazil.

As global markets plunged, wealthy investors fled, with the study showing the proportion of

cash-based holdings increased to 21 per cent of overall portfolios, up seven per cent from 2006. In North America, which traditionally favours equity investments, stocks made up 34 per cent of portfolios of the wealthy in 2008, down from 43 per cent a year earlier.

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China Countdown ceremony



Police take part in a ceremony marking the 100-day countdown to the Oct. 1 anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China, in Beijing yesterday.

U.S. renews sanctions against North Korea

NUCLEAR U.S. President Barack Obama yesterday renewed sanctions against North Korea, declaring that its nuclear program posed a national security risk to the United States and a danger to the Korean Peninsula.

The reclusive communist state has rebuffed U.S. efforts to engage it diplomatically and staged a second nuclear test on May 25 that was internationally condemned and led to the imposition of tougher sanctions by the United Nations Security Council.

The current existence and risk of the proliferation of weapons-usable fissile material on the Korean Peninsula constitute a continuing unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security and foreign

policy of the United States," Obama said in a notice to Congress.

The expanded UN sanctions ban all weapons exports from North Korea and most arms imports. UN member states are also authorized to inspect North Korean sea, air and land cargo and destroy any goods that violate the sanctions.

Obama has said the U.S. military is prepared for the possibility that North Korea may attempt to launch a missile toward Hawaii in response to the new UN sanctions.

His decision to renew separate U.S. restrictions on Pyongyang was expected and followed a White House meeting last week with South Korean President Lee Myung-bak.

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News in brief

BUDGET The California state legislature yesterday voted down \$11 billion in cuts to state services, sending members back to the drawing board as they grapple with a \$24 billion US budget gap. Controller John Chiang said yesterday that he will have to begin issuing IOUs next week if the gridlocked legislature and Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger cannot agree on a budget. The budget gap was opened by the state's most severe drop in revenues since the Great Depression, including a steep decline in personal income taxes and sagging retail activity as consumers reined in spending, and the long-running downturn in housing. Rising joblessness is also weighing on the state. Unemployment jumped to 11.5 per cent in May.

WILDLIFE Sharks, among the most endangered species of fish, are effectively unprotected in the world's oceans, the IUCN environmental organization said yesterday. Its report urges governments to halt shark "finning," the slicing of fins from captured sharks which are then tipped back into the sea to die, which it says is a growing industry providing ingredients for the Asian delicacy, shark fin soup. A third of shark species and their evolutionary cousins, the rays, are at risk of extinction due to overfishing, the International Union for the Conservation of Nature said. The study was released on the eve of a conference in Spain of managers responsible for high seas tuna fisheries.

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The Belgian teenager who made headlines after claiming a tattoo artist had drawn 56 stars on her face, rather than the three she asked for, has admitted she lied. Kimberley Vlaeminck was caught off camera on Dutch TV saying she quite liked the tattoo, but lied about asking for all 56 stars when she saw her father's furious reaction. **REUTERS**

News in brief

ENVIRONMENT Scottish lawmakers yesterday backed a binding goal to cut greenhouse gases by 42 per cent by 2020 from 1990 levels, edging Germany into second place in a ranking of the most ambitious developed world targets. Scotland's bill included

an option to curb its ambition if no strong global climate deal is reached in six months' time. **GOOGLE** Internet users in China were unable to open the main site of Google, the world's biggest search engine, late yesterday, and the company's China chief asked users for

patience while it investigated. The disruption came less than a week after China's Internet watchdog ordered Google to stop overseas websites with "pornographic and vulgar" content from being accessed through its Chinese-language search engine. **REUTERS**

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Star-faced teen lied about tattoo

Faces of the U.S. fight

GRAHAM WOOD
Metro World News



Sometimes people think gay couples want to get married just to say they did it and scoff in the faces of those who oppose their right to do so. But there's a unique story behind every gay couple. Metro introduces you to three different couples with very different experiences:

NEW YORK Jim and Cheng — they did not want to use their last names — fell in love the first night they met to watch one of pop culture's most iconic love stories.

"Sex and the City, of course," Jim said. It's been a year since that night, and the couple wants to be married in front of friends and family. That may happen since New York will soon decide whether to legalize gay marriage. But if it does, there's one thing it won't grant.

Cheng is from Taiwan and in the U.S. on a visa, and the Defense of Marriage Act prohibits federal recognition of gay marriages.

Jim, right, and Cheng, from New York City, are hoping to be New York state legalizes gay marriage so they can get married in front of their friends and family.

BERKELEY, CALIF. Simma Lieberman and Sandra Michele Brown never understood the hoopla over gay marriage. They would go to partnership ceremonies for other gay couples, and it just didn't make sense to them.

"We thought it was just gay people trying to be accepted by the outside world," said Lieberman. But when Brown died of a heart attack at the age of 53,

Lieberman didn't have any legal right over her body or her belongings, nor to say good-bye before she was cremated. "I had to get permission from her brother to do all that," Lieberman said. "The crematorium had to get his verbal permission."

SAN FRANCISCO Frank McGinness' wedding ceremony wasn't quite what he had imagined. It was mid-2008, and San Francisco had just started issuing marriage licenses to same-sex couples. Opposition to the move was building, and Proposition 8 — denying gays the right to marry in California — was going to be placed on the ballot in November.

"We thought we could wait for families and friends to be available to attend our marriage," McGinness said. "But we had (to rush) ... in case Prop 8 passed." It turned out none of their family members were able to make it to their impromptu ceremony at San Francisco's city hall.

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A woman with a child passes by a billboard with a portrait of Soviet dictator Josef Stalin in the Russian city of Voronezh yesterday.

Some Russians yearn for Stalin

Russian communists have put up giant billboards of Soviet dictator Josef Stalin in a southern city, promoting his tough methods as the best remedy for the world economic crisis.

Stalin killed millions of people during his 30 year rule until his death in 1953, but many in recession-hit Russia have grown nostalgic for his strong leadership, and he was voted the third most popular historical figure in a nationwide poll.

"Everybody knows that under Stalin our country achieved the highest rate of economic growth."

Sergei Rudakov, Communist official

Communist party official in the town of Voronezh, told Reuters by telephone.

Local communists paid an advertising agency 80,000 roubles (\$2,940) to plaster Stalin's image for one month on 10 huge billboards around Voronezh, a city with a population of around one million.

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News in brief

ARRESTS Operators of an unauthorized New York airport van service that took five French tourists on a high speed chase in an attempt to evade police were charged

yesterday with unlawful imprisonment. The men were also charged with assault, reckless endangerment, and resisting arrest.

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Dissidents form new church

ANGLICANS Conservatives who have left the U.S. Episcopal Church over issues like gay clergy finalized the formation of a rival church yesterday, the latest chapter in a saga that has split Anglicans worldwide.

The new Anglican Church in North America, which says it has 100,000 followers, ratified its constitution this week and was to install Robert Duncan of Pittsburgh as its first archbishop last night.

"Across the church people are re-embracing scripture's authority," Duncan said, a reference to the conservative belief that liberals have strayed from the Bible.

"We are oriented toward

In Canada

- Some Canadian congregations are also fighting legal battles over assets with the Anglican Church of Canada.

a hopeful future. We are not turning back to the hurts of our past," Duncan, who will serve a five-year term, said in prepared remarks.

The Episcopal Church, which is the main U.S. branch of the Anglican Communion with over 2 million followers, has declined to comment on the proceedings. The ACNA says four of the 28 dioceses under its roof are locked in property disputes with the

Episcopal Church.

Long-standing divisions between liberals and conservatives had already undermined Episcopal Church unity by 2003 when it consecrated Gene Robinson of New Hampshire as the first bishop known to be in an openly gay relationship in more than four centuries of Anglican history.

The ACNA wants to formally join the Anglican Communion which numbers close to 80 million people worldwide.

Acceptance would put the breakaway church on an equal footing with the Episcopal Church but the process could take years if it happens at all.

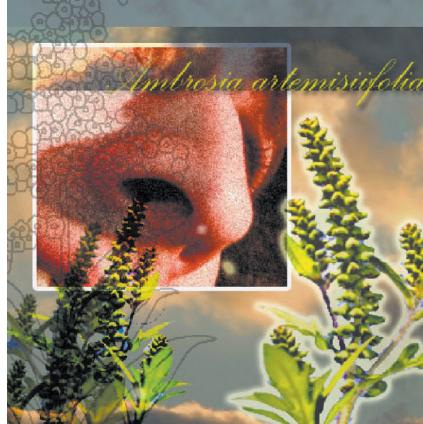
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Sears Tower goes green

CHICAGO The tallest building in the Western Hemisphere will undergo a \$400-million "green" retrofit that its owners said on yesterday will make the 110-storey office tower a beacon for environmentally sound space.

Plans call for the 442 metres Sears Tower to reduce its electricity consumption by 80 per cent and water usage by 40 per cent. It will be renamed the Willis tower later this summer in a deal with new tenant global insurance broker Willis Group Holdings.

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Pride starts adding up

Relating

Steve Collins

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With pride weeks underway, en route to Canada Day, it's possible to conflate Pride and patriotism.

To the south, the Obama administration has extended benefits to same-sex couples working for the federal government — except, presumably, in the military, where the old “don’t ask don’t tell” policy is still in place.

Members of the Canadian Forces participated in Toronto’s Pride Parade for the first time last year.

Of course, this year, you can bet Prime Minister

On the web



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Stephen Harper will uphold the long-established prime ministerial tradition of skipping the parade.

Paul Martin once begged off citing a “scheduling conflict.”

No other PM has even bothered to make an excuse.

There is still much to celebrate here, where same-sex marriage was legalized four years ago now, putting the activist group Canadians for Equal Marriage out of business.

A lot of things have changed. Me, for example.

I went to high school in a small town in the 1980s. There were no openly gay kids. We’d never heard the word homophobia, and we knew a lot of gay jokes, but no gay people.

Same Sex Marriage

Except Mr. G, the math teacher, who you might expect to be in for a world of mockery from his spotty and unevolved charges, at least behind his back. But he wasn’t. Whip-smart, funny and patient, he was a student favourite.

Small place that it was, my dad had taught Mr. G math, and remembered him as a struggling student. Maybe knowing what it felt like not to have the answer was what made him such an exceptional teacher, which he undoubtedly was.

He also bonded with some students over a mutual love of heavy metal, which we, for some reason, thought was very straight music indeed. (The possibility incredibly never crossed our minds that Rob Halford,

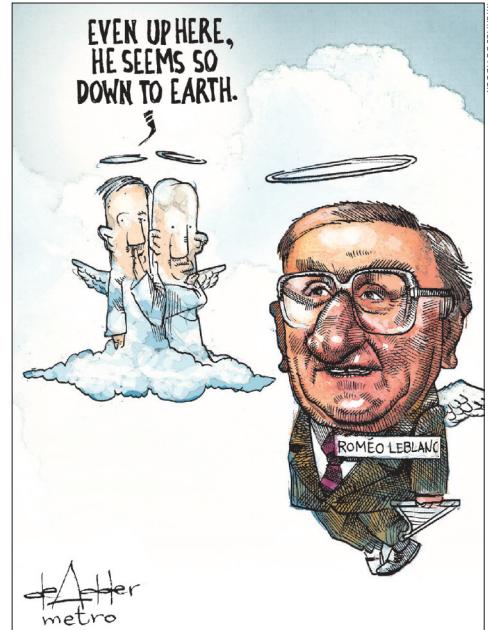
the singer of Judas Priest, who performed in Pride-isue biker leathers, was gay.)

The headbangers would vacate the smoking area and pile into a classroom after school for sessions of what was known as the “Cultural Society,” Mr. G’s regular screenings of metal videos on the school’s AV equipment.

When I talk to some of the guys from school today, it’s noticeable how much their attitudes have mellowed towards same-sex marriage, and gays and lesbians in general. Some of this can be attributed to changing times, and some to the shocking onset of adulthood, but I think it all started with Mr. G, teacher — rocker, and all ‘round great gay dude.

So, happy Pride Week, Mr. G, though I still stink at math.

Steve Collins offers his best guesses on relationships for Metro every two weeks.



Worth Mentioning

Facebook, Twitter, blogs don't rank with top CEOs

BUSINESS The heads of the top U.S. companies might be engaged in the boardroom, but they’re switched off when it comes to social media, according to a new study that said CEOs should be more connected to their customers.

Research conducted by the blog UberCEO.com looked at Fortune’s 2009 list of the top 100 CEOs to determine how many were using Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, Wikipedia, or had a blog — and found they were mostly absent from the rapidly growing social media community.

The study found only two CEOs had Twitter accounts and 81 per cent of CEOs did not have a personal Facebook page.

Only 13 CEOs had profiles on the professional networking site LinkedIn. Three quarters of the CEOs did have some kind of

“It’s shocking that the top CEOs can appear to be so disconnected from... their own customers.”

Sharon Barclay

Wikipedia entry, but nearly a third of those had limited or outdated information such as incorrect titles, or lacked sources.

Not one Fortune 100 CEO had a blog.

“It’s shocking that the top CEOs can appear to be so disconnected from the way their own customers are communicating.

They’re giving the impression that they’re disconnected, disengaged and disinterested,” said Sharon Barclay, editor at UberCEO.com who runs executive PR firm Blue Trumpet Group.

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Views

Right to full-body veil not a matter of religion

Mona Eltahawy
Guest Columnist

The full-body veil, called the burqa or niqab, terrifies me.

I’m a Muslim woman who defends a woman’s choice to wear a headscarf — I wore one for nine years — but I will never defend the niqab. It embodies the erasure of a woman’s identity.

And so I agreed with French President Nicolas Sarkozy when he said the burqa wasn’t welcome in France because it “is not a religious sign, it’s a sign of subservience.”

I would add the niqab doesn’t belong anywhere, neither in countries where Muslims are a minority nor in a Muslim-majority country like Egypt, my

country of birth.

An argument I had on the Cairo subway — while I still wore a headscarf — with a woman who wore niqab helped seal for good my rejection of the niqab.

She asked me why I did not wear the niqab. I pointed to my headscarf. “Isn’t this enough?”

“If you wanted a piece of candy, would you choose an unwrapped piece or one that came in a wrapper?” she asked.

“I’m not candy,” I answered. “I’m a woman.”

I retell that argument of ten because it shows the niqab isn’t about the “West” versus “Islam.”

Many will accuse Sarkozy of hating Muslims, but that would be to concede that the burqa is religiously mandated, as extremists believe. Many Muslim scholars have clearly described the niqab



as an old Bedouin tradition that was not required by the Quran, the Muslim holy book.

To connect the niqab with Muslim women is inaccurate because only a small minority wears it.

Hearing Muslims argue over the burqa is the best way to disarm the Islamophobic right wing in Europe and in North America and their crocodile tears for Muslim women. We don’t care for their “support” and yet — to fight Islamophobia — we must not silently watch extremists erase Muslim women

out of existence.

That’s where “it’s about the economy, stupid!”

France is home to Western Europe’s largest population of Muslims, estimated at about five million. Many complain of discrimination and blame the French government for inaction. It was good to hear Sarkozy also say that France’s integration model wasn’t working any more

because it doesn’t give immigrants and their French-born children a fair chance. That’s the best way to fight extremists and the niqab they promote. The majority of Muslims in France are more concerned with poverty and unemployment than with the niqab.

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Heil takes a fall

Olympic gold medallist Jennifer Heil tweaked her knee landing a jump during mogul training on Blackcomb glacier and will miss the remainder of a national freestyle team camp being held this week. Heil said the injury isn't serious but will require some rest and treatment.

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Sports

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Sharapova out

Former Wimbledon champion loses in second round

Maria Sharapova was heading for the airport after losing at Wimbledon yesterday while another former champion Roger Federer sauntered through to the third round in glorious sunshine after a clinical display.

Sharapova struggled on the Centre Court where she made her name in 2004 by beating Serena Williams to win the women's singles title as a 17-year-old. The Russian looked a pale shadow of the player who once looked set to dominate the game.

Bedevilled by shoulder problems since losing in the second round here last year, the 24th seed ran into inspired Argentine Gisela Dulko, falling 6-2, 3-6, 6-4 to a player she had dropped just three games against in their two previous clashes.

Sharapova lost the opening set in 35 minutes and despite some typically tenacious resistance to win the second from 0-3 the booming weapons that used to blast the Russian to safety in such situations failed to function at crunch time.

Dulko eventually prevailed on her fifth match point when Sharapova, who was bumped up the seedings from a world ranking of 60, fired a forehand long to end an absorbing scrap.

"It's a little too late to start picking yourself up when you're down a set and 3-0."

"It took me a Maria Sharapova while to get going," former world No. 1 Sharapova told reporters. "It's a little too late to start picking yourself up when you're



Maria Sharapova shows some emotion during her 6-2, 3-6, 6-4 second-round loss yesterday at Wimbledon.

down a set and 3-0."

Referring to Federer as a former holder of the Wimbledon title he won five years in a row still takes some getting used to, but his form in a 6-2, 6-2, 6-4 win over Spain's Guillermo Garcia-Lopez suggests he will soon reclaim his throne.

The Swiss was at his relaxed, free-flowing best as he reduced Garcia-Lopez to a bit-part role during most of an embarrassingly one-sided con-

test that was over all too quickly for the 15,000 spectators on a sweltering afternoon.

Unusually, the 27-year-old, who lost his crown to Rafael Nadal in one of the best Wimbledon finals ever seen, was not watched by his most loyal supporter, pregnant wife Mirka, but he played down suggestions that a new Federer was imminent.

"She's just not feeling 100 per cent," said the No. 2 seed. "We decided it's better if she takes it easy instead of sitting in the sun and maybe feeling worse the next day."

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Griffin expected to go first in NBA Draft

BASKETBALL Oklahoma forward Blake Griffin said he was unconcerned about the past as he faced the prospect of being taken by the long-time losing Los Angeles Clippers as first pick in tonight's NBA Draft. Griffin, a 6-foot-10, 251-pound forward said he and the Clippers would be starting fresh if he were taken as top choice.

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Another year for Chelios?

Although the Detroit Red Wings won't re-sign him, 47-year-old Chris Chelios, left, says he still wants to play in the NHL next year. Saying that his family won't move from the Detroit area, where he owns a bar, the defenceman said yesterday he'd like to play for an Eastern Conference team. Chelios made his NHL debut in 1984 with the Montreal Canadiens.

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U.S. upsets Spain at Confederations Cup

SOCER The United States scored its greatest win in almost 60 years by beating European champions Spain 2-0 yesterday to reach the final of the Confederations Cup.

Goals from Jozy Altidore and Clint Dempsey ended Spain's world record run of 15 successive victories and their 35-match unbeaten sequence, a world record streak they share with Brazil, and caused one of the biggest soccer upsets in years.

However, the match ended in bittersweet agony for U.S. coach Bob Bradley when his son Michael, who had a brilliant game in midfield, was sent off three minutes from time.

He was the third U.S. player sent off in the tournament and now misses Sunday's final against Brazil or hosts South Africa.

Overall though it was the best performance by the U.S. since they beat England 1-0 in the 1950 World Cup in Brazil.

It was also the first time the U.S. had beaten a team ranked No. 1 in FIFA's world rankings since they defeated Brazil in 1998.

The result was even more remarkable because the U.S. had lost its opening two group matches in the competition and was heading out until they beat Egypt 3-0 on Sunday and Brazil sank Italy by the same score as they squeezed through on the number of goals scored.

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Sports in brief

TRADE Toronto FC has traded Canadian international midfielder Kevin Hartse to Chivas USA. The MLS team will receive allocation money in exchange. Hartse, who can also play as a defender, has been called up by Canada for the Gold Cup next month.

He has won nine caps for Canada.

GAMBLING Wagering on a Wimbledon match soared after a TV commentator pointed out one of the players was injured, an online bookmaker said yesterday. British bookmaker, Betfair, alerted tennis

corruption investigators about the unusual betting patterns for the first-round match Tuesday between 109th-ranked Wayne Odesnik and 30th-ranked Jurgen Melzer, but does not suspect wrongdoing.

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14 sports

Cink glad to be back on favoured golf course

PGA Despite being weary after tying for 27th at the weather-delayed U.S. Open on Monday, Stewart Cink returns to a happy hunting ground for his title defence at this week's Travelers Championship in Cromwell, Connecticut.

The American's one-shot triumph 12 months ago ended a victory drought of almost four years on the PGA Tour and he enjoys a high comfort level at the TPC River Highlands.

"It's great to be back here, for a lot of reasons," Cink told reporters on the eve of Thursday's opening round.

"I feel like I'm in a different place than I was last year because I came in here last year with a ton of really good finishes and no wins to speak of. This year I come in with very few good finishes on the year and no wins to speak of."

Cink, a five-times winner on the PGA Tour, has posted just two top-10s in 14 starts this season, including a tie for eighth at the Memorial tournament three weeks ago.

"My game has suffered a little bit, especially the second half of last year," the 36-year-old said. "But it's getting better now and I've changed a lot of things up. I'm really encouraged right now."

"Without trying to put too much pressure on myself, I love playing here and I feel like my golf game is getting there, so we'll see."

Cink, who has been encouraged by his form on the greens since switching back to a short putter from a long one last month, faces a strong field at River Highlands.

Five of the world's top 20 are taking part, including fourth-ranked Sergio Garcia, Fiji's Vijay Singh (ninth) and American Lucas Glover, who rocketed to 18th from 71st after winning the U.S. Open at Bethpage Black on Monday.

Glover, who held off late charges by compatriots Phil Mickelson and David Duval to clinch his first major title, was uncertain about his expectations this week.

"I haven't thought that far ahead to be honest with you," the 29-year-old said.

"I can't get my expectations too high. I hate the saying, but it's true: One shot at a time. I'll have the same mindset as last week: Be patient and see how many birdies I can make."

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The NHL's third Winter Classic will be played between the Philadelphia Flyers and Boston Bruins at Fenway Park on January 1, 2010. Last season's Winter Classic featured the Detroit Red Wings and Chicago Blackhawks at Chicago's Wrigley Field. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Flyers to take on Bruins at Fenway

Formula One deal reached to avoid split

AUTO RACING Peace broke out in Formula One yesterday when a deal was reached to avert a breakaway series and teams agreed to further cut costs without a budget cap.

Embattled FIA president Max Mosley, who said he would not be seeking re-election, had been at loggerheads with eight teams over his plans to introduce a cap for 2010.

"The basic news is that there will be no split. There will be one championship in 2010 which is I think something we all hoped," Mosley told a news conference following a meeting of the FIA's World Motor Sport Council.

"We've reached agreement on a number of items. In particular we've reached agreement on reduction of costs. We've had

significant help from the teams. The objective is to get back to early 1990s levels within two years."

The Formula One Teams' Association, headed by Ferrari president Luca di Montezemolo, had objected to the budget cap which they felt could lead to a two-tier series with the teams agreeing to the cap being allowed greater technical freedom.

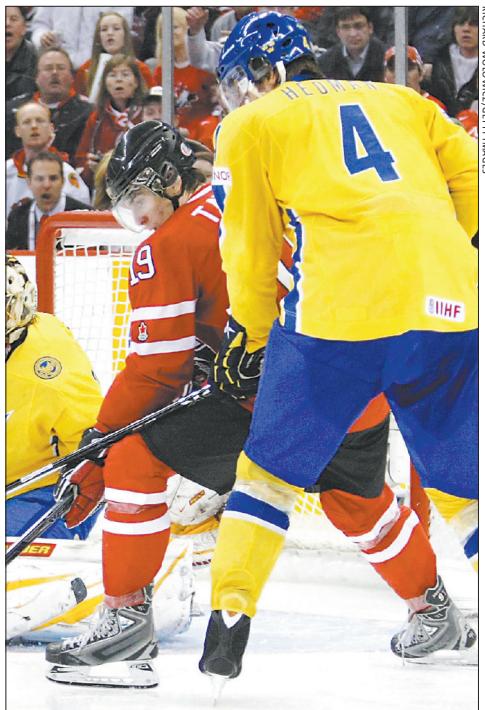
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John Tavares of Team Canada stickhandles the puck while being defended by Victor Hedman of Team Sweden at the gold medal game of the IIHF World Junior Championships on Jan. 9.

Isles face big choice

Tavares or Hedman at No. 1?

John Tavares, a Canadian goal-scoring machine or giant Swedish defenceman Victor Hedman — that is the intriguing choice facing the New York Islanders.

The Islanders have top pick in Friday's NHL draft for finishing with the league's worst record last season and if general manager Garth Snow has already made a decision he is not giving anything away.

Scrutinized by 30 NHL

The top two

• Tavares is a lethal finisher who played four seasons in the Ontario Hockey League with the Oshawa Generals and London Knights notching a record 215 goals.

• Hedman enters the draft a battle-hardened 18-year-old, who has spent two seasons in the Swedish Elite league. At six-foot-six he has been compared to Chris Pronger.

the ice that will ultimately decide who will have the honour of going No. 1.

Both players have been labelled blue-chip talents destined for long, outstanding professional careers but offer fascinating alternatives for the Islanders.

Tavares is a player who could fill the net and hopefully a new arena, while Hedman a cornerstone for a rebuilding franchise.

"Sure, I'd love to go No. 1 but then I'd love to go to any NHL team," Tavares told reporters. "I think I can contribute and be part of a team that can win a Stanley Cup."

"If it happens, I'll be very honoured and very excited but I'll be just as honoured if it doesn't."

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Baseball Jays beat Reds



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Toronto Blue Jays Vernon Wells celebrates his home run against the Cincinnati Reds during the first inning of their interleague game in Toronto last night. The Jays won 8-2.

While Tavares thinks he would like to dine with Obama, the correct answer if there is one, will not move him to the head of the class on Friday.

It is the choices Tavares and Hedman have made on

New iPhone costs \$179 to produce: Analysis

Apple Inc.'s new entry-level iPhone model costs \$179 US in materials and manufacturing expense, according to an analysis yesterday by research group iSuppli. The 16-gigabyte version of the new iPhone 3GS carries a bill of materials of \$172.46 and costs \$6.50 to make, iSuppli estimated. **REUTERS**

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Firms testing TV on the web

Time Warner Inc. and Comcast Corp. have banded together to test ways to allow people to watch more TV shows over the web, while making sure they keep paying for their traditional cable or satellite TV services.

The partnership by two major media companies underscores the pressure the TV industry is under to

Trials next month

- In testing whether the system will work, both technically and strategically, Time Warner and Comcast will begin a national trial of the service in July.

protect its revenue but also satisfy consumers who want to watch their

favourite drama or comedy at a time and place of their choosing.

Time Warner and Comcast are banking on an approach that would essentially let viewers see any show at any time over any sort of device they wanted — whether that is a TV set, computer or cellphone.

One catch: they must first prove they are a cable

or satellite customer, meaning they already pay a monthly subscription fee for TV.

In announcing the partnership yesterday, Time Warner chief executive Jeff Bewkes stressed that he viewed the plan as a "free gift" for consumers that simply "expands" their entertainment choices.

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Poor nations plead for aid at UN crisis meeting

NEW YORK Representatives of developing countries had a clear message yesterday for a UN meeting on the global financial crisis — we need money.

The planning the three-day conference has been fraught with difficulties for weeks. It was originally scheduled for June 1-3, but UN General Assembly President Miguel D'Escoto postponed it to this week when it became clear negotiators had no agreement on a set of draft proposals for reforming the global financial system.

Although the meeting

has been billed as a summit, no Western leaders are attending. Only a dozen presidents and prime ministers, mostly Latin American and Caribbean, showed up. Others taking part have sent lower-level delegates.

On the first day of the meeting, speakers from developing countries, such as Belize and Zimbabwe, made clear that they saw their nations as victims of a financial crisis they did not cause and pleaded with the world's wealthy nations to help them.

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Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala, managing director of the World Bank, speaks at the United Nations conference on the World Financial and Economical Crisis in New York yesterday.

Jobs healing after liver transplant, says hospital

HEALTH Apple Inc. CEO Steve Jobs is recovering well from a liver transplant in Memphis, Tenn. and has an "excellent prognosis," according to the hospital where he had the surgery.

Jobs, who gave the hospital permission to make the disclosure, was the sickest patient on the waiting list at the time a liver was available, the Methodist University Hospital Transplant Institute said yesterday in a statement.

Apple's 54-year-old CEO, a cancer survivor, went on medical leave in January after saying he wanted to take himself out of the limelight and focus on his health.

Jobs was in end-stage liver disease when he received the transplant, which reportedly took place two months ago. A company spokesman said he would return to Apple at the end of June.

— the level reached in December — and repeated that they would likely stay unusually low for some time. With the benchmark interbank lending rate virtually at zero, the Fed has focused on driving down other costs by buying mortgage-related debt and government bonds.

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Business in brief

WASHINGTON The U.S. Federal Reserve yesterday held monetary policy steady and said the U.S. economic recession was easing, as it signalled its worries over a possible downward spiral in prices were easing. The central bank also decided to hold overnight interest rates in a zero to 0.25 per cent range

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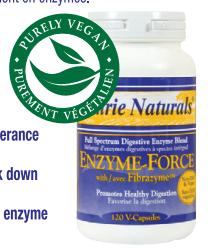
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Bright Future For WestJet

Despite the setbacks airlines around the world are currently facing, including a weakened demand for air travel as a result of the economic downturn, the skies are looking bright for WestJet.

Not only is the Calgary-based company the world's fourth most profitable airline on a percentage basis, but it continues to deliver on its strategic plan by expanding its network, growing its fleet of planes from 79 to 121 by 2013, and launching a frequent flyer program and code-sharing deals with Air France and KLM as well as others in the future.

These partnerships would allow the airlines to transfer their passengers onto one another's networks, allowing guests to book through travel and check their baggage directly through to their destination. They will also give WestJet guests access to a world of destinations.

While striving to continue offering its

guests a friendly, efficient and relaxing experience, the company is also looking to become one of the top five most successful airlines in the world by 2016. And Sean

our success."

WestJet's culture drives all of its decisions. The airline's recently introduced Care-anteer reinforces that its people truly go above and

takes social responsibility as seriously as it does business. WestJet's culture of caring extends beyond its people and guests to the community at large through its WestJet

Cares for Kids program. From organizing toy drives for children's hospitals in the communities it serves, to providing thousands of free flights to people who desperately need medical care, to partnering with 10 national children's charities like Kids Help Phone and Ronald McDonald House charities, WestJet is a firm believer in giving back. In fact, the company supports more than 800

community initiatives throughout Canada.

In the face of the weakened global economy, it's clear that WestJet is en route to continued success.

"We keep expanding when everyone else is contracting, and we keep delivering an amazing guest experience"

Durfy, WestJet's CEO, says his airline is in a better position than most to get through the recession and achieve that goal.

"We keep expanding when everyone else is contracting, and we keep delivering an amazing guest experience," explains Durfy. "For us, our company culture is the key driver to

beyond when it comes to taking care of its guests. From not overbooking flights to providing guests with meals and accommodations if flights are delayed or cancelled (even if it's Mother Nature's fault),

the airline truly puts people first.

The low-cost airline also



COMPANY PROFILE: WEST JET



Sean Durfy became WestJet President in September 2006 and Chief Executive Officer in September 2007. As President and CEO, Sean is responsible for both the strategic direction of the company and the day-to-day operations of the airline, leading over 7,500 WestJetters as they deliver an exceptional guest experience.

Amid the global recession, weakening demand and bankruptcy notices by airlines around the world, the fact that WestJet has become the most profitable airline in North America on a percentage basis is a true testament to the success of its mandate: putting people first.

Since its inception in 1996 as a low-cost airline servicing Western Canada, WestJet has grown from a fleet of three planes to 79 – all Boeing 737 Next Generation – flying to 55 destinations across Canada, the U.S., Mexico and five Caribbean nations. Some of their most recent destination additions include San Francisco, San Diego, Sydney, Nova Scotia and Yellowknife, NWT, with more destinations planned in the near future.

Today, the Calgary-based company is run by an executive team of seven headed up by President and CEO Sean Durfy, 43. "We have a very simple motto," says Durfy, a native Newfoundlander. "If we, as a corporation, take care of our people, then our people will take care of our guests, and our guests will take care of our business."

One of the ways WestJet takes care of its people is through profit sharing. Just as that familiar refrain on their playful TV commercials says, "Why do WestJetters

care so much? Because we're also WestJet owners," 83 per cent of their 7,500 staff own shares in the public company through an employee share purchase program.

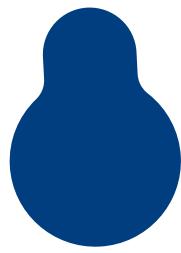
WestJetters as they refer to themselves can designate up to 20 per cent of their salary to buy shares, which the company matches. Considering it's the fourth most profitable airline in the world on a percentage basis, with revenue of more than \$2.5-billion in 2008, there's certainly incentive to invest.

But it's the unique culture that truly sets WestJet apart. Through its fun, friendly and caring WestJetters, they demonstrate that an airline can have exceptional operational performance, a world class guest experience and great value.

WestJet has always been on top of new trends and technologies. In fact, it was the first airline in North America to implement the electronic boarding pass and is the only airline in Canada to offer live seatback TV.

In keeping with the global concern over the environment, WestJet has made a concerted effort to lower emissions from its fleet of planes by investing billions to upgrade its fleet to be more fuel efficient. Today, WestJet proudly boasts one of the youngest, most modern and fuel-efficient fleets in North America.

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New condo amenity: Chicken coop?

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this day and age.

Or would it? Recent news coverage in Toronto and other urban centres has shown that the idea of keeping chickens has gained a lot of interest in the city. It seems to be an idea whose time has arrived (again).

After decades of happily ingesting processed foods made of a long list of chemicals and other substances not encountered in nature, people are starting to ask questions about

what they are eating. One solution is to produce the food yourself. In the same way you know precisely what goes into the vegetables you grow in your garden, you would know what has been fed to your chickens, and how they are kept or treated.

But before you rush off to build your chicken coop, keep in mind that the notion of keeping chickens in the city is one that many communities are still wrestling with. Check with your local government. If it is illegal in your city, and you would like it to be legal, get busy lobbying. Check online under urban chicken or city chicken — you'll find lots of allies.

Many city bylaws currently prohibit chickens due to health reasons (although that hasn't stopped some urban chicken keepers). But smaller cities such as Guelph, Brampton, and Niagara Falls in Ontario, and Victoria and Surrey in British Columbia do allow urbanites to keep chickens provided certain rules are followed.

These usually have to do with the number of chickens you may keep, minimum lot size, or distance of the coop from lot lines.

One rule that almost all chicken-friendly municipalities have is — no roosters. This is because roosters try to impress hens by cockadoodling at all hours of the day, enough to drive you bonkers. Hens can cackle, but are much less vocal than crowing roosters.

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Chicken tips

- Chickens need to be fed and watered at least once a day, and possibly twice. Old or damp food or dirty water needs to be removed and replaced daily to avoid spoilage and ultimately, sick chickens.
- And speaking of sick, make sure you have the name of a bird vet on hand. You will need to routinely watch your chickens for any signs of problems so you can take immediate action.
- The chicken coop which is used by the chickens to lay eggs, sleep and get out of the weather, needs to be cleaned once a week.
- Don't scrimp on materials when you build your coop. It will need strong materials which will protect your chickens from predators.
- As for size, a good rule of thumb is to provide four square feet inside the coop per chicken.

of a good chicken meal is another benefit, but many urbanites who raise chickens tend to shy away from this. They get attached to the chickens, who can actually be quite companion-

able.

One thing is true of home-raised chicken. I can tell you from past experience that both the meat and particularly the eggs of home-raised chickens are

delicious, and often bear very little resemblance to some of the much blander commercially-produced chicken and eggs.

I swear the best eggs I've ever eaten were bought from a ramshackle farm with wandering chickens near a cottage we used to visit — the yolks were bright yellow and the flavour unapologetically rich and flavourful.

If you are even remotely considering the idea of keeping chickens, rest assured that it involves work, and the whole affair is quite a commitment, as anybody who has ever been exposed to livestock can tell you.

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Food

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BARB HOLLAND/FOR METRO CANADA



Two types

There are two main types of mustard seeds: The relatively mild white or yellow mustard seed and the stronger brown or Oriental mustard seed.

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Did you know? Canada grows more than 90 per cent of the world's mustard seed — mostly in Saskatchewan, the real mustard capital of the world. Canada is also home to the largest and oldest mustard mill in the world.

Mustard is made from crushing the seeds of the mustard plant. The tiny seeds, about 250,000 per pound, are very pungent. On their own, they are bitter and biting. To make the

condiment, the seeds are crushed into a powder and mixed with liquid (wine, vinegar, beer, water) and various spices, such as turmeric, to form a paste. Brown mustard has a dark brown seed coat and is used in Dijon-style mustards and also used in combination with yellow in English-style mustard.

Prepared mustards can range from mild yellow to hot peppery brown to very spicy mustards. No Canadian fridge is likely to be without a least one jar of this quintessential condiment. And it goes well beyond a hamburger and sandwich spread. Here are

A simple, delicious sauce



This sauce would taste terrific on grilled salmon.

just a few suggestions:

- Mustard is a must with ham and wonderful with pork — combine equal amount of mustard with maple syrup or honey and brush on a ham or pork roast, tenderloin or chops near the end of baking or grilling.
- Brush spicy horseradish

mustard on a beef roast, then press coarsely crushed black pepper into mustard before grilling.

Herb Mustard Sauce

This simple sauce is good with grilled salmon, asparagus or spooned over potatoes. Makes about 1/2 cup (125 ml).

INGREDIENTS:

- 2 tbsp (30 ml) butter
- 4 green onions, chopped
- 1 1/4 cup (60 ml) Dijon-style mustard
- 2 tbsp (30 ml) honey
- 2 tbsp (30 ml) fresh lemon juice
- 1 tsp (5 ml) dried tarragon leaves
- Salt and pepper

METHOD:

In a microwaveable bowl, combine butter and green onions. Microwave at High for 30 to 60 seconds to melt butter and soften onions. Stir in mustard, honey, lemon juice and tarragon. Season to taste with salt and pepper.

Barb Holland is a professional home economist and food writer who believes in shopping locally and in season.

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National spirit

My wife gave me a cool whisky tasting

glass made by Nova Scotia Crystal for our anniversary last week. Though no stranger to a splash or two of scotch; with Canada Day coming up I thought I owed it to the country to break it in with some of our own homemade spirits.

While Canada certainly has a reputation for making fine libations (think beer and wine) the fact that we create darn good whisky seems to have fallen off everyone's liquid radar.

Considering my new thistle-shaped receptacle has its origins in the Maritimes; filling it with a wee dram from our nation's only single malt whisky maker seemed poetic. **Glen Breton Rare (\$79.99 - \$89.55)** made by Cape Breton's Glenora Distillery is a light, heathery 10 year old with a relaxed, creamy flow of soft, sweet malt.

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I love the mu shiu served in Chinese restaurants. Minced pork, chicken or beef with hoisin sauce and vegetables is served in lettuce leaves or flour wraps. They're high in calories and fat due to extra oil and the fattier quality of the beef. These homemade ones taste great and they're leaner. The peanut sauce is made with light coconut milk.

INGREDIENTS:

- 2 tsp vegetable oil
- 1 cup chopped onion
- 1/2 cup diced carrot
- 3/4 cup diced red bell pepper
- 12 oz extra-lean ground beef
- 1/4 cup light coconut milk
- 2 Tbsp natural peanut butter
- 4 tsp low-sodium soy sauce
- 4 tsp rice wine vinegar
- 2 tsp sesame oil
- 1 1/2 tsp minced garlic

1 tsp honey
1 tsp sesame seeds
1 tsp minced fresh ginger
1/2 tsp hot Asian chili sauce
1/4 cup chopped cilantro or parsley
1/4 cup chopped green onions
8 large Boston or butter lettuce leaves

METHOD:

Spray a large non-stick skillet with cooking oil, add the vegetable oil and place over medium-high heat. Sauté the onion until browned, about 5 minutes. Add the carrot and bell pepper and sauté for another 8 minutes, until the vegetables are tender-crisp. Add the beef and sauté until no longer pink, about 4 minutes.

Combine the coconut milk, peanut butter, soy sauce, vinegar, sesame oil, garlic, honey, sesame seeds, ginger and chili sauce. Add to the beef mix-

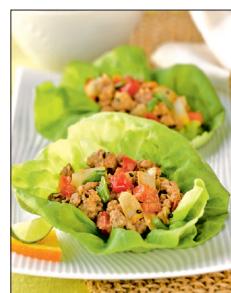
ture and simmer for 3 minutes.

Stir in the cilantro and green onions. Divide among lettuce leaves and roll up or allow your guests to roll their own.

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THOSE DOG DAYS OF SUMMER

With winter's snow a distant memory, and the unpredictability of spring finally tamed, there's a collective sigh of relief: Summer has finally arrived. Here, the 10 best signs of summer:

1. Summer fun. Maybe it's the exposed skin, and the t-shirts and shorts, but there is a sense of energy and vitality that comes with being able to go outside without having to be bundled up against the elements.

2. Warmer days. The days may get slightly shorter after the arrival of summer — the longest day of the year — but it also heralds the official start of warm weather and that feeling that the worst of winter and spring is finally over.

3. Flowers burst to life. After the long dreary winter, gardens across Canada come alive with daffodils and tulips in full bloom, adding colour to our surroundings, and adding an intoxicating scent to the air.

4. Birdsong fills the air. You don't have to be a bird enthusiast to enjoy the songs of chickadees, cardinals, mockingbirds and sparrows that ring out at dawn and dusk.

5. Farmer's markets. Every summer, more weekly markets crop up across Canada, providing high quality, local produce that offers incomparable taste — and fresh from the field goodness.

6. Barbecue season starts. All across Canada, families start firing up their



There is a sense of energy and vitality that comes with being able to get out and enjoy the summer sun.

grills, cooking up delicious fare outdoors.

7. Patios open. Nothing says summer has arrived like the sight of sun-bathed diners enjoying an alfresco meal. When summer hits, sidewalk cafes are the place to be, as are those intimate courtyard dining spots.

8. Communities come alive. With warmer weather and longer days, communities reunite, as people get out

walking, tend to their gardens and stop to chat with one another.

9. More people bicycle. You know it's summer when the roads and recreational trails team with bicycles. With the more temperate climate, people are more inclined to pedal their way to work.

10. Theatre festivals open. When summer arrives, actors take to stages across Canada — with outdoor festivals taking advantage of beautiful evenings and warm temperatures to draw audiences.



Offering women a new beginning

For many women in Toronto, Denise Whitter, founder of New Beginnings Support Program, is like a fairy godmother. Denise started the charity in 2003 to improve the lives of women and children in need by empowering women to become confident, self-sufficient, and employable. "We found women would get training and end up in minimum-wage jobs and still couldn't support their children," explains Denise. "I strongly believe women shouldn't have to choose 'Do I pay my rent, or feed my children.'"

The charity not only provides

women with job coaching for fields like office administration, but also liaises with potential employers. Their annual fundraiser, Wedding Bliss, takes place on June 20 at the Ted Rogers School of Management in Toronto, where brides-to-be can pick out donated wedding gowns, worth thousands of dollars, for between \$50 and \$200.

There will also be a contest for 10 lucky women to win a free wedding gown. To enter, simply write a short essay on why you or a person you nominate have been a "local Angel" in the community and are deserving of a free wedding gown.



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How to tell the economy is rebounding

Although experts caution that the exact timing of economic recovery remains uncertain, over the past couple of months there have been increasingly encouraging signs that the worst of the global recession may be over and the world economy is rebounding. Here, the top five positive signs:

1. Global manufacturers are showing signs of improvement. Not only did U.S. construction spending rise in April, but in May industrial activity in China (the world's third-largest economy) expanded.

2. Stock markets and oil prices around the world have risen to reach their highest levels in seven months as investors are regaining their confidence.

3. Canadian banks — considered by the World Economic Forum to be the soundest in the world — are showing better-than-expected results and reporting modest profits.

4. Canada's housing market is improving. Real estate experts attribute the upturn to first-time buyers who are stepping back into the housing market due to lower prices and interest rates, which in turn, is having a domino effect and strengthening the overall housing market.

5. The Canadian government rolled out a \$12-billion, two-year infrastructure stimulus spending program last month to kick-start Canada's economic rebound.

Breaking out the family fun

When it comes to quality family time, most people opt for going to the movies or renting one together. As fun as this is, watching a movie doesn't actually involve group interaction though. One activity that does create a great bonding experience for your entire brood is a games night.

So designate a specific night on the calendar, turn off the cell phones and the T.V., and get out the board games for some good old-fashioned family fun. Instituting a weekly games night for your family allows uninterrupted time together — an increasingly rare occurrence in our time-crunched lives.

There are a plethora of games to choose from including time-honoured favourites like Yahtzee, Scrabble, Chess and Monopoly.

Not only does a games night bring you closer together as a family unit through face-to-face interaction, but it teaches kids some basic life lessons in an informal way including co-operation and teamwork, honesty and playing fair, understanding and accepting both winning and losing, making choices and accepting the consequences, and patience. This is one family tradition that's sure to become an instant hit for years to come.



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Drama debut

Ryan Reynolds explores his dramatic side

By DENIS SEGUIN Contributing Writer



Ryan Reynolds has the same handsome blandness that makes actors like Greg Kinnear and Josh Hartnett a canvas for great directors like Paul Schrader and Ridley Scott. But, unlike these fellows, Reynolds hasn't worked with the best of directors since launching his career, as an adolescent, with a role in the Nickelodeon teen soap opera *Hillside*. At 19, he left Vancouver and moved to Los Angeles, where he eventually landed a part in *Two Guys, a Girl and a Pizza Place*. Since then, he has not made a name for himself so much as an impression. At 32, with some 20 features under his belt, Reynolds is still referred to as "a relative newcomer." But that's better than "former fiancé of Alanis Morissette" or "husband of Scarlett Johansson."

With his latest film, *Fireflies in the Garden*,

things are looking up: The film isn't great, but Reynolds is great in it. *Fireflies* is the story of a deeply dysfunctional family. Reynolds' character, Michael, is on his way back to the Midwestern town where his mother (Julia Roberts) is finally graduating from university. But before he can see her, she is killed in a car accident. "This is the first time I've done a straight drama," says Reynolds. "The subject matter is pretty dark, but I felt like I was peeking through the curtain into a real home."

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An outdoor workout ups the perspiration factor, which can render your sun protection useless. The latest sports sunscreens, like Neutrogena's Ultimate Sport, offer sweat-proof formulas in a spray format and with higher SPFs. Exercising off the beaten track? Before you hit the trails, mist yourself with Butterly Weed's "In the Bush" Citronella Body Oil, a tree-planter-approved, hand-blended bug repellent that contains essential oils like lavender and peppermint.

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Save money

According to a recent Angus Reid study commissioned by Coleman Canada, 46 per cent of Canadians are considering camping or staying closer to home to save money on this summer's holiday. **NEWS CANADA**



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Staycations

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Plan ahead

When planning a staycation, research parks and outdoor activities within an hour of your hometown so you can be done in a day. Consider beaches, public parks, conservation areas and designated walking and biking trails.

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Home a popular vacation spot: Poll

Canadians are planning to stay close to home for their holidays and eat out less this year, a recent survey says.

Many of the answers to this year's Weber Canadian GrillWatch survey could be good news for businesses that offer barbecue products and accessories, as well as for Canadian tourist attractions, grocery stores and home improvement centres.

The 20th annual survey, conducted in February by Leger Marketing on behalf of Weber-Stephen Products Co., probes the habits, knowledge and expertise of Canadian barbecuers. More than 1,000 consumers (1,094) nationwide, aged 19 and older, participated in the online survey.

Mirroring a trend that began last year, Canadians reported that they intend to enjoy a "staycation," or home-based vacation, this year. Almost 40 per cent of those surveyed indicated they plan to take a summer staycation and/or a staycation plus one smaller traditional vacation. As an additional 31 per cent had yet to decide on vacation



Almost 40 per cent of those surveyed said they plan to take a summer staycation this year.

plans, the number who actually take a staycation in 2009 could be substantially higher.

Staycations were the favoured vacation option of respondents aged 35 to 45, those earning \$75,000-\$100,000, and those from Quebec.

The three main reasons

given for taking a staycation this year were to save money (45 per cent); to take part in the many interesting or fun things to do nearby (38 per cent); and the high cost of gas (31 per cent). In addition, 30 per cent of respondents claim they want to get home-based projects done

during time off work. The high cost of airfares and the weak dollar are two additional reasons cited for not taking a vacation away from home.

Of those choosing to stay close to home for their annual holiday this year, 36 per cent say they plan to use their outdoor grill

more than in the past. As well, almost 45 per cent of staycationers intend to try new grilling recipes and/or new foods on the grill, and 36 per cent plan to host more barbecues than previously.

Twenty-three per cent of those planning stay-at-home vacations say they

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Create an oasis in the backyard

When you dream of that perfect vacation spot, it often leads to visions of sitting under the sun, enjoying a cold drink, and dining on delicious meals. These days, as it becomes more difficult to justify the cost and hassle of family travel, homeowners are choosing to create a vacation oasis in their very own backyards.

Here are some tips to help make your backyard your new favourite vacation destination:

- Modernize your patio and extend your living space outdoors. Cosy furniture, music, and ambient lighting create the perfect atmosphere to relax and entertain.

- Design an outdoor kitchen area where you can entertain and grill your favourite dishes. Include storage for grilling essentials, like tool sets, grilling baskets, cutting boards and thermometers. The more organized your outdoor kitchen, the less time you will need to spend inside.

- Update the landscape; in-

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corporate a fireplace, waterfall or focal point to your outdoor oasis. A freshly mowed lawn and flowers in bloom will brighten the scenery.

- Stock up on games, from bocce ball and croquet to badminton and horseshoes. There are plenty of backyard games well-suited for family and friends.

- Like all successful vacations, you need to do a little planning. Establish a start and end date so it is a true vacation. Create your own official timeline to avoid falling into the daily routine around the house. A great way to make a staycation special is to plan outdoor grilling feasts.

Choose a theme (Hawaiian Luau) and invite over family and close friends.

Remember: You're on vacation; don't be afraid to try new things and experiment with flavours and grilling techniques like using wood chips and a smoker or grilling on cedar planks. Gather your guests around the grill and make it an unforgettable dining occasion.

It's no wonder that a camping trip with family and friends is at the top of many Canadians' to-do list.

What better way to enjoy the summer than to venture out into Canada's own backyard — the great outdoors — to explore nature, connect with the people you care about and indulge in some campfire treats. According to a recent Angus Reid study commissioned by Coleman Canada, 89 per cent of Canadians have experienced Canada's wilderness through camping.

"We like to think of the campsite as the original social networking site," says Pat Gray, director of marketing, Coleman Canada. "It is the perfect opportunity to experience the beauty of the outdoors and enjoy quality time with family and friends."

Here are Gray's tips on prepping for this summer's camping trip:

- Create and follow a checklist when packing to ensure nothing is forgotten.



Don't stay home just because it's raining — it's the perfect opportunity to explore museums, galleries and historic sites. **NEWS CANADA**

Avoid rain delays

Experience the outdoors



According to a poll, 89 per cent of Canadians have experienced the wilderness through camping.

- Test out all equipment before you leave to make sure everything is in working order. Also, air out your tents and sleeping bags.

- Stock up on batteries, food and fuel before you leave the city.

- Book your campsite in advance if possible. Most Canadian campsites re-

- serve some sites for last-minute campers — but they go quickly!

- Invest in quality equipment.

- Consider purchasing air mattresses for your family to make sleeping as comfortable as at home.

- Set up your site strategi-

- cally. Pitch your tent so it gets afternoon and evening shade; same goes for the cooking and dining area.

- Plan activities such as hiking or biking in the morning hours or late in the day when air temperatures are cooler. Plan swimming or other water activities in the heat of the day.

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Weaver not returning with Ghostbusters

Sigourney Weaver has revealed that she will not be appearing in Ghostbusters 3. In an interview with TV Squad she said: "No, I don't expect to have anything to do with it, although I wish them well." FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK

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Alexisonfire grows up

Alexisonfire

Album: Old Crows/
Young Cardinals
Label: Dine Alone
Rating: 



"WE ARE NOT the kids we used to be, stop wishing for yesterday." So goes the chorus of Old Crows, the opening track of Alexisonfire's fourth CD (note: it's yelled, not screamed). Yes, boys and girls, even emo-screamo kids have to grow up, sometime. That's the message deftly delivered here. The members of Alexisonfire were barely out of high school six years ago when they astonished an unsuspecting industry

by scoring platinum with a searing debut CD without the help of a major label. Old Crows/Young Cardinals retains the edge of the old AOF while venturing into a maturer sound, more palatable to older ears. The vocal tension between Dallas Green, Wade MacNeil and George Pettit remains, but also produces some remarkable harmonies. Pettit in particular has traded his hardcore screams for an angry, throaty howl. And the social politics he enters in songs like Emerald Street are written with the keen eye of the observer. This is a band that's far stronger than it's individual parts and will hopefully be around for many years to come.

Graham Rockingham/for Metro Canada

Regina Spektor

Album: Far
Label: Sire/Warner
Rating: 



IT'S HARD TO figure Regina Spektor out. The Moscow-born Bronx-raised pianist wowed fans with her dark songs on Begin to Hope, but here she's playing the pure pop princess. Equal parts cute, quirky and just plain weird, Far delivers an eclectic mix of jumpy piano numbers and indie Feist-like sounds. For the most part it works — Eet is a rollicking track with a wicked falsetto — but there are some flops, such as Machine, a plod-

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ding, droney tune that sounds too industrial for its own good.

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The Cliks

Album: Dirty Kings
Label: Warner
Rating: 



THE COVER OF this Toronto band's third album promises to deliver some nasty, below-the-belt punches. But the only real dirt here is a sexual tease. The Cliks have streamlined into that of a slickly produced

**Next Riddler?**

Johnny Depp wants to play the Riddler in the next Batman movie. The Public Enemies star would love to take on the role of the game-obsessed villain in the superhero blockbuster.

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***** A CLASSIC; ***** EXCELLENT; *** GOOD; ** FAIR; * POOR



Old Crows/Young Cardinals is the new album from Alexisonfire.

guitar-based power trio. The album comes out of the box bubbling over with hypersexual tension on the opening track Haunted and the title song Dirty King, but settles into the plodding comfort zone of '80s power balladry on Not Your Boy, Red and Blue and eventually slides into the graceful cabaret of Emily. The Cliks are at their best when fol-

lowing the driving lead of bassist Jen Benton. Lead singer and guitarist Lucas Silveira has the potential for achieving major alt-rock divadom. He'll find it easier to achieve by serving up more dirt and less theatre.

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Star power in Spacey's Invention

FILM Kevin Spacey will star in and produce *Father of Invention*, an ensemble comedy whose cast includes Heather Graham as a lesbian who sleeps with his character.

The story follows a humble inventor-turned-egomaniacal billionaire (Spacey) who spends eight years in prison when one of his inventions goes awry. Upon release, he is seeking to rebuild his reputation and fortune but finds that easier than salvaging his relationship with his family.

Craig Robinson (*The Office*) will play the husband of the former billionaire's ex-wife who now lives in his house and drives his car and helps Spacey get back on his feet after he gets out of prison.

Brazilian actress Camilla Belle (*Push*) will play his daughter.

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Romantic gangsters return

PHIL BROWN
for Metro Canada



These days movie gangsters only seem to come out of *The Sopranos* or *Goodfellas* mould. Most of the time we're limited realistic wise guys who are both charming and frightening.

That's all well and good — some of the best movies ever made have sprung from this style — but whatever happened to the romantic gangsters of old?

The classic '30s mobsters who spat out tongue-twisting one-liners as fast as the bullets that came out of their Tommy guns; the guys who dressed in sharp suits, lived in the finest hotels, and went out with high-class dangerous ladies who could only be described as "dames."

With the release of Michael Mann's highly anticipated *Public Enemies* next week, it's time to look

back at the best of the old school gangster flicks. From the original black and white classics that created the genre to the stylized modern mobsters movies that contemporary directors have made in honor of the past.

• **SCARFACE (1931)** Produced by Howard Hughes and directed by Howard Hawks, this nasty little movie was so shocking at the time that it was one of the primary causes of the start of film censorship. Al Pacino's instantly iconic performance in the 1983 remake may have eclipsed this *Scarface* in terms of brand name recognition, but original still holds up quite well.

• **LITTLE CAESAR (1931)** This film might not be as polished as the other founding mobster movies, but it wins points for having the most memorable gangster of the era. Edward G. Robinson's unforgettable nasal voiced crime lord

was



Johnny Depp stars in Michael Mann's *Public Enemies*.

the go-to mobster voice in countless cartoons and parodies until Marlon Brando created *The Godfather*.

• **THE PUBLIC ENEMY (1931)** You simply can't have a list of classic gangster movies without at least one entry featuring James Cagney.

His "top of the world ma" speech in *White Heat* might be one his most memorable onscreen moment, and *The Public Enemy* is his best movie by a mile. The rags-to-riches crime film was considered so shocking at the time that a warning was attached to

the opening and re-releases had to be edited for content.

• **THE UNTOUCHABLES (1987)** Brian DePalma brought back smart suited gangsters with style in this '80s blockbuster.

Robert DeNiro's Al Capone made organized crime look more decadent than anyone else thanks to a massive costume budget. Just don't get in his way when he's clutching a bat and spitting out an eloquent David Mamet monologue about baseball. That'll get you into trouble.

• **MILLER'S CROSSING (1990)**

The Coen Brothers brought black *Tommy* gun gangsters with their trademark style and self-conscious wit in this modern masterpiece. With character names like "the Dane" and loopy lines like "take your flunk and dangle," the Coen's classic seemed like the ultimate '30s gangster revival. Well, at least until Michael Mann headed to Chicago with Johnny Depp and Christian Bale.

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Efron goes for the thrills

Zac Efron has signed on to appear in an untitled thriller from Mandate Pictures. Little is known about the project other than it's written by Leslie Dixon, who wrote *Hairspray*. EMPIREONLINE.COM



Avatar revealed

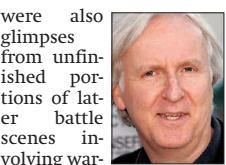
Cameron offers first peek at 3-D spectacle

"The future's so bright I gotta wear shades!"
James Cameron cried Tuesday as he strode onto a stage — with his 3-D glasses on — to unveil the first publicly shown clips from his \$300 million 3-D sci-fi actioner *Avatar*.

The fittingly epic film promo literally added an extra dimension to Fox's presentation at the Cinema Expo industry confab. *Avatar* actors Sam Worthington, Sigourney Weaver, Zoe Saldana and Stephen Lang, and producer Jon Landau were also on hand for the preview.

"Three years ago, I stood up here and said the 3-D renaissance is coming," the *Titanic* director said. "And from what we've seen in the business, we can now say it has arrived."

In introducing the 24-minute assemblage, Cameron said much of it came from the first third of the film but that there



were also glimpses from unfinished portions of later battle scenes involving warring sides Cameron clashing over control of the fantasy world Pandora.

The filmmaker also said the action gets nonstop in the latter portions of the film, which throughout is populated by strange life-forms in a world of unprecedentedly rich fantasy elements. Worthington (*Terminator Salvation*) plays an avatar — a remote-controlled character created by melding his crippled human form into a super-human being — whose fate lies ultimately in doing battle with his own former race.

Fox made media covering the event agree not to report details of the *Avatar*

images or to interview audience members for reactions. But from the sustained applause at the conclusion of the presentation, suffice to say Fox didn't hurt itself at the event.

A cinematic hybrid of CGI, motion-capture animation and live action, *Avatar* is Cameron's first dramatic feature since 1997's *Titanic*. At that year's Cinema Expo, Cameron showed eight minutes of the effects-laden disaster drama before it rang up a still-record \$1.84 billion worldwide boxoffice and copped Oscar's best pic statuette.

Cameron encouraged theatre owners to add 3-D capability as quickly as possible. But acknowledging *Avatar* will have to play in a mix of conventional and extra-dimensional venues due to an insufficient number



An early image from James Cameron's hotly anticipated 3-D film *Avatar*, tentatively opening worldwide on Dec. 18.

of 3-D auditoriums, he added, "I just want to say that I think *Avatar* is going to play great in 3-D, 2-D, any D."

Avatar is set to open

around the world on Dec. 18, though it's become sport in Hollywood to speculate on whether the famously painstaking filmmaker will wrap the production in time.

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Craig in talks to join psych-thriller

CASTING Daniel Craig can shake, but can he stir?

The latest James Bond has proved a critical and commercial success in his two turns in the iconic role, for *Casino Royale* and *Quantum of Solace*. But he has been deliberate in choosing his next live-action role.

Now comes word he is in early talks to star in *Dream House*, a psychological thriller to be directed by Irish filmmaker Jim Sheridan for indie producer Morgan Creek.

In the David Loucka script, Craig would play a man who moves his family to an idyllic small town, only to find his house haunted by its former inhabitants, who were murdered there.

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Sylvester Stallone will play a lion in forthcoming film *The Zookeeper*. The 62-year-old star has signed up to voice the animal role alongside Adam Sandler, Cher, Judd Apatow and Jon Favreau. FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK

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Princess ready to rule

New show highlights Disney's rising star Lovato

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Disney's latest acting-and-singing megastar doesn't mind missing out on normal teen things like high school. At 17, she just wants to work.

"I'll relax when I'm older," says Demi Lovato, whose last couple of years have included a hit album, a sold-out tour with the Jonas Brothers, the Disney megahit *Camp Rock*, a sitcom (*Sonny With A Chance*), and the TV movie *Princess Protection Program*, airing this tomorrow on Family.

Oh, and there's also a second 2009 album, set for release next month, plus the inevitable *Camp Rock 2*.

"That's crazy, I know. But I'm doing it. Why not take advantage of it now if the opportunity is there?" says Lovato, who was in Toronto recently for the red carpet premiere of *Princess Protection Program*.



Demi Lovato returns to Disney with the TV movie *Princess Protection Program*.

The comedy is a typically lighthearted fish-out-of-water Disney TV movie about a princess (Lovato) who befriends an American tomboy (Selena Gomez), while hiding out in a small southern town. Princess is just Lovato's latest project with Disney, responsible for steering the careers of such tween sensations as Miley Cyrus and The Jonas Brothers. Lovato isn't as famous as all that — yet — but she's getting there. Lovato says she's comfortable with fame and being a role model for kids.

"I knew going into *Camp Rock* I'd become a

role model. But I want people to know I'm growing up right in front of you. So I'm going to make mistakes. I want to be a role model for what I do or overcome — not being perfect."

Princess teams Lovato with her longtime friend Gomez, another rising Disney star best known for the series *The Wizards of Waverley Place*. The pair first met as seven-year-olds in Dallas at, believe it or not, a casting call for *The Barney Show*.

"She was wearing a red ribbon in her hair, and turned around, and asked me if I wanted to colour with her," recalls Gomez.

"I think Disney really likes our friendship because it's honest and genuine. So they wanted to capture that on screen."

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Big bad Callum

Callum Blue, from shows like *The Tudors* and *Secret Diary of a Call Girl*, has been tapped to join *Smallville* in the series regular role of big, bad Zod, says the *Hollywood Reporter*. He'll first appear in the Season 9 premiere, airing Sept. 25. TVGUIDE.COM



Idol, indie labels duke it out for Lambert

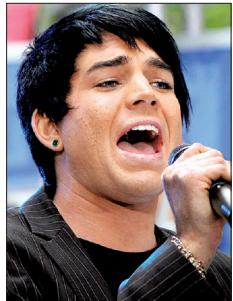
Adam Lambert's debut album is coming out much earlier than planned, some time this summer.

That's great news for fans of the *American Idol* runner-up, but it could be a big headache for some of the major corporations behind the talent show, who have been beaten to the punch by a pair of small, indie labels.

Before he became a household name, the flamboyant singer spent three years recording songs for Los Angeles-based Wilshire Records. The label has joined forces with Hi Fi Recordings to release the 11-track album *On With the Show* this summer. An exact release date will be announced shortly.

The first single, *Want*, went on sale at digital music retailer iTunes on Tuesday. Lambert co-wrote nine of the songs, working mostly with Madonna's guitarist, Monte Pittman.

American Idol producer 19 Entertainment issued a brief, businesslike statement attributed to Lam-



Adam Lambert

bert in which he is quoted as saying, "The work I did back then in no way reflects the music I am currently in the studio working on."

"It doesn't surprise us, but it doesn't make us feel good," said Hi Fi Chairman and CEO John Hecker. "For some reason it's scaring Goliath, and I don't know why." He said Lambert attended a post-production session last month, as *American Idol* reached its climax, and that the singer was "blown away" by what he heard.

It wasn't supposed to be like this in the highly controlled American Idol organization. The winner and the runner-up from each season, along with some other finalists, score deals with a Sony Corp. label through 19 Entertainment, which is owned by media firm CKX Inc.

Their albums are released with great fanfare in the fall. If they're lucky — and the odds are against them — the stars will go on to enjoy Grammy-winning success like Kelly Clarkson and Carrie Underwood.

In Lambert's case, the stakes are high for both sides. The openly gay singer is one of the more colorful performers to emerge from the teeming *American Idol* pool of wannabes.

His shock defeat at the hands of Kris Allen this past season that ended in May only added to his mystique, while a *Rolling Stone* magazine cover story gave him a hint of credibility.

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Audrina Partridge, Seth Meyers in at MTV

TELEVISION MTV has announced a new development slate that includes projects from such aces as Seth Meyers, Jamie Foxx and the son of DreamWorks honcho Jeffrey Katzenberg. Additionally, the cable network has

handed a pilot order to Mark Burnett's docusero reality project starring former *Hills* co-star Audrina Partridge.

The as-yet-untitled Partridge pilot represents a potential second life for *The Hills* franchise. **REUTERS**

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CMT Live at the Orange Lounge with Keith Urban

He's got several tour stops in Canada this fall, but if you can't wait that long, enjoy this concert special that country music's wonder from Down Under taped in Toronto in May. Highlights include a rousing opening rendition of "Days Go By," a haunting acoustic version of "Once in a Lifetime" and a string of songs from his latest album, "Defying Gravity." A sweet thing indeed. 9 PM on 43 CMT



Life Isn't All Ha Ha Hee Hee

Meera Syal stars in this three-part adaptation of her novel about three Indian women in contemporary London. She plays Sunita, once an activist law student, now an unhappily married mother with a dead-end job. Laila Rouass and Ayesha Dharker play her childhood friends, aspiring filmmaker Tanja and new bride Chila. While editing video she shot at Chila's wedding, Tanja is approached about making a documentary about love and marriage in the Indian community. 9 PM on 2 TWO

Heigl signs on to orphan drama

FILM Grey's Anatomy star Katherine Heigl will headline *Life As We Know It*, a drama about two single people who suddenly become caregivers to an orphaned girl after the parents, their mutual best friends, are killed in an accident. The project, which has been kicking around Hollywood since at least 2001, will be directed for Warner Bros. by Everwood creator Greg Berlanti.

Fincher in talks for Facebook pic

FILM David Fincher, the Oscar-nominated director of *The Curious Case of Benjamin Button*, is in early talks to log on to an untitled movie about the founders of the popular social networking site Facebook. Aaron Sorkin (*The West Wing*) is writing the Columbia Pictures project

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Kenya Hunt

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Nick Lachey and Vanessa Minnillo have called it quits, their reps confirm to people.com. "They have amicably split but remain good friends who still greatly care for one another," Minnillo's rep said of the couple, who began dating in 2006. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Nick nixes relationship

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What's life without Brad?

SOULMATES Angelina Jolie admits she couldn't imagine life without Brad Pitt. "I don't like being without him. I don't love being alone any more," she told Britain's OK magazine.

"He's amazing. He's a really dedicated father. I feel very



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blessed that every day I wake up and I live with my favourite people in the world, as well as my best friend."

And then there are the six kids they share. "Of course couple time is important, but we've grown to love the chaos of six kids and the fact that you can never stop being mommy and daddy. Even if we lock our door the children come knocking."

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Chris kicks into career-saving mode?

DAMAGE CONTROL Chris Brown won't go to jail for assaulting Rihanna, but the question now is whether his plea-bargained penalty — community labour, probation, domestic violence classes — will reform his behaviour and save his career, people.com reports.

Brown reached a deal with prosecutors in exchange for pleading guilty to felony assault — and some experts say the R&B

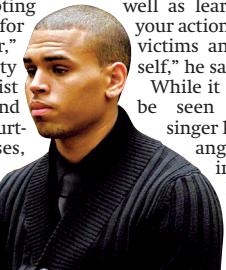
star is already off to a good start.

"In accepting a plea bargain, you're accepting responsibility for your behaviour," said New York City clinical psychologist Jeffery Gardere. And by taking the court-mandated classes, Brown will be forced to face the issues that led him to become violent

in the first place. "Part of those classes is talking about what happened as well as learning what your actions can do to victims and to yourself," he said.

While it remains to be seen how the singer handles his anger, living in the public eye may serve as an extra deterrent.

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What may be harder for Brown — once known as a good boy — is rehabbing his image.

"A song with the proper lyrics and melody can heal wounds," explained former record label executive Charlie Walk, president and CEO of CWE Media, a multimedia entertainment company. "If he apologizes through song, that may be enough to take him where he needs to go."

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Jarret calls the whole thing off

HEARTBREAK Model Rachel Hunter has split from her ice hockey player fiancé Jarret Stoll, the U.K.'s Daily Mail reports. Ostensibly, Stoll ended the relationship in person — but the would-be groom informed wedding guests via email, people.com reports.

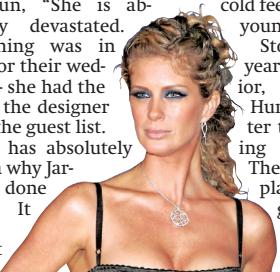
Stoll, 27, apparently did not provide a reason for the cancellation to the guests — or the bride. A

friend of the model told The Sun, "She is absolutely devastated. Everything was in place for their wedding — she had the venue, the designer dress, the guest list.

"She has absolutely no idea why Jarret has done this. It sounds like it

could be a classic case of cold feet. He is a fair bit younger than her." Stoll, who is 12 years Hunter's junior, proposed to Hunter last year after they'd been dating for two years. The wedding was planned for August 2009.

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Brit mourns Ed

DEATH Britney Spears is mourning the death of Ed McMahon, who died Tuesday at age 86, usmagazine.com reports.

Spears, who appeared on McMahon's show Star Search at the age of 10 in 1992, Tweeted: "I am deeply saddened by today's news about Ed McMahon ... He is responsible for giving

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so many artists their first shot, including myself."

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Matthew is one happy dad

NEWBORNS Leaving the stage door late Tuesday night, after his performance in Broadway's The Philanthropist, Matthew Broderick told People about the birth of his and Sarah Jessica Parker's twins: "I'm very happy. I don't know what else to say."

He added, "I've seen them already. I just got back" from Ohio, where the girls were born Monday.

Though the twins arrived earlier



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than their mid-summer due date, their parents were well prepared for their arrival. The couple has been readying the nursery for their new daughters, Marion Loretta Elwell and Tabitha Hodge Broderick. They recently cleaned house at their West Village brownstone, removing boxes filled with dishes, photos and musical equipment to make room for their expanding brood.

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Robert sends NYC into a frenzy

HEARTTHROB By day, Robert Pattinson makes the hearts of New York City women flutter around the city when he films his latest movie, the romantic drama Remember Me.

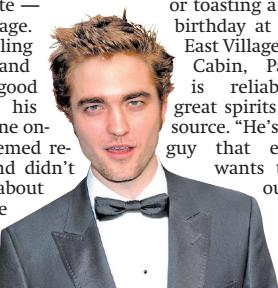
And after dark? The Twilight heartthrob heats up Manhattan's nightlife in a hoodie that hides his signature floppy hair, people.com reports.

Pattinson, 23, has been hitting the hotspots — in-

cluding his favourite bar, Black and White — in the East Village.

"He was smiling and laughing and just having a good time with his friends," said one onlooker. "He seemed really relaxed and didn't seem to worry about the people around him."

Whether it's over din-



ner at the Bowery Hotel or toasting a friend's birthday at another East Village lounge, Cabin, Pattinson is reliably "in great spirits," said a source. "He's like the guy that everyone wants to hang out with."

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Madge pining for Ashcombe

NOSTALGIA Madonna apparently misses Ashcombe, her English country estate, so much that she's reportedly sparing no cost to make over her New York City home in its image — room by room.

"She has ordered flunkies to go out and troll the Upper East Side boutiques for can-dalabras, side tables and period chaises," a source told the Daily Mirror.

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Club owner slams LiLo

JT'S ALIBI Lindsay Lohan's alleged gossip about Justin Timberlake chatting up someone who wasn't his girlfriend at a club was enough to get the club's owner to come to Timberlake's defence.

"I was within 15 feet of him the whole time he was there, and we know for sure he was not doing anything with other girls," Avenue nightclub owner

Noah Tepperberg told Page Six. "He was having a good time with the guys, and came and left with them. I have surveillance cameras that show this to be the case and anything you are hearing is simply not true."

Also, Lohan later claimed her Twitter messages about Timberlake were written by someone who hacked her account.

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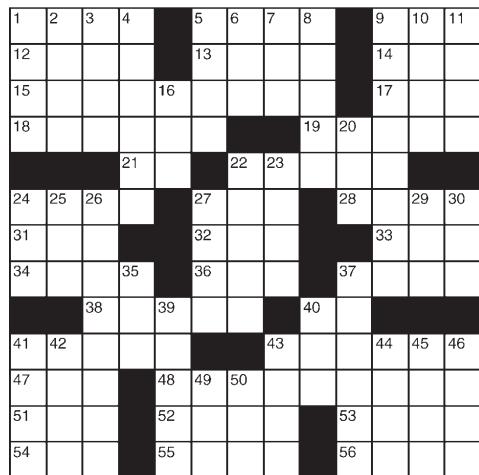
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ARIES
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
You'll feel a lump in your throat when you hear a hard luck story today. Being an Aries, you'll also want to do something practical to help.



TAURUS
APRIL 21-MAY 21

Your smooth-talking ways will come to your rescue today, especially on the work front where you may have to say nice things to stay on good terms.



GEMINI
MAY 22-JUNE 21

You may be a fun-loving type but if you get carried away in the next few days the bill may be bigger than expected. Make sure others pay their share.



CANCER
JUNE 22-JULY 22

Someone seems to think they can tell you what to do, but you have no intention of dancing to their tune like a puppet. Cut the ties and set yourself free.



LEO
JULY 23-AUG 23

You enjoy being the centre of attention, but you won't be in the mood for socializing today. You don't have to make an effort if you don't really want to.



VIRGO
AUG 24-SEPT 22

Someone will try to embarrass you today but they'll only succeed if you allow yourself to feel guilty about what you have done.

LIBRA
SEPT 23-OCT 23
Your efforts in the next few days will bring amazing results — just don't worry you can't live up to others' expectations. You'll surpass them.



SCORPIO
OCT 24-NOV 22

A positive attitude will bring positive results today. A trip outside your usual neighbourhood will open your mind and could even bring romance.



SAGITTARIUS
NOV 23-DEC 21

Few things happen that are not part of a wider plan. If you can internalize that thought you will never again worry about minor setbacks.



CAPRICORN
DEC 22-JAN 20

What pleases the love of your life pleases you too, but don't let that blind you to the fact that not all your needs and desires coincide.



AQUARIUS
JAN 21-FEB 18

You'd do anything for anyone, loved one or stranger, but that can make you a target for less honest types. Don't let them exploit you.



PISCES
FEB 19-MARCH 20

The sun in Cancer at this time of year makes all things possible, so why are you trying to go back and change outcomes that have already occurred?

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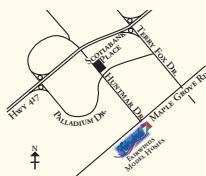
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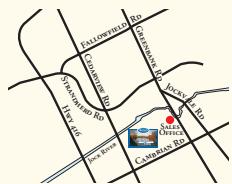


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